

U.S. COPYRIGHT OFFICE LEADERSHIP



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Douglas P. Ament is the Chief Information Officer for the United States Copyright Office (USCO). He was appointed to the position in 2013.

In his position as Chief Information Officer, Ament manages the USCO IT enterprise, including strategic planning efforts, digital security initiatives, policy development, and operational and maintenance activities, as well as all research and development of new technologies that support the business processes and mission of the Office.

Ament formerly served as the Director of Information Technology for the USCO since April 2009 and Chief of the Copyright Technology Office since July 2008. He led a major technical upgrade analysis for the USCO as part of the Register's 2011-2013 special projects, in which stakeholders from across the copyright spectrum offered recommendations and information about possible future strategies. Prior to joining the USCO, he served in the Library of Congress Information Technology Services directorate, and before that a federal IT consultant for more than 20 years supporting clients, including the U.S. Department of Justice, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Postal Service Headquarters, and the U.S. Navy.

ABOUT THE USCO

Congress created the Copyright Office in 1897 as a separate department of the Library of Congress. The Register of Copyrights serves by appointment of, and under the general direction of, the Librarian of Congress. Congress enacted the first federal Copyright Act in 1790 in accordance with Article 1, section 8 of the United States Constitution, "to promote the progress of science and the useful arts by securing for limited times to authors and inventors the exclusive right to their respective discoveries."